

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 13, 2005

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

“Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors”

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roy Leban, Phil Teller, Kay Tarapolsi, Heidi Houghton, Latha Sambamurti, Tom Flynn, John Davis

ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator; Sandra Bettencourt, Recreation Program Manager; Dorie Lysaght, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Adam Leban, Rosalyn Leban

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roy Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of September 8, 2005 were approved with the following amendments:

- Correct the spelling of Commissioner Tarapolsi’s name throughout.
- Page 9, VII.: Change to read “2005 Arts in the Parks Report”.
- Page 9, VII. A., last bullet point: Change spelling: “4Culture”.
- Page 10, VII. A., top line: Correct to say: “...Redmond Tourism Development Fund.”
- Page 10, VIII. B., third bullet point: Add wording: “...Committee member, Pat Pattabhiraman.”
- Page 10, VIII. B., fifth bullet point: Correct to say: “...celebration of Valentine’s Day.”
- Page 12, IX. A., sixth bullet point: Delete: “Redmond based organization”

- Page 12, IX. C., first bullet point: Change to read: “Commissioner Leban will update...”

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of September 8, 2005 as amended by:

Commissioner Kay Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Tom Flynn

Motion carried: 8-0 unanimous

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Visual Arts:

- General Redmond Outdoor Sculpture Information - Leban

Performing / Literary Arts:

- Hugo House - Tarapolsi

IV. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

V. GENERAL RAC BUSINESS

A. Chair Report

- Flynn declined the Vice Chair nomination from the September 8 meeting. Houghton volunteered for the position.

Motion for nomination of Commissioner Houghton for Vice Chair:

Commissioner Kay Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Tom Flynn

Motion carried: 8-0 unanimous

- Four candidates for the RAC vacancies will be interviewed with the Mayor on Tuesday, October 18. There are two positions open.
- The 2004 Annual Report has been completed and will be presented to the City Council by Leban and Teller at the Tuesday, October 18 meeting, as an item from the audience. Commissioners were welcomed to attend the presentation. Davis thanked Leban for his work on the Annual Report. Skillingstead encouraged Commissioners to start working on their submissions, including photos, for the 2005 Annual Report. Bettencourt stated that the report should be completed by March 2006. Leban suggested a paragraph and a photo of every program be submitted.

VI. VISUAL ARTS

A. Redmond Outdoor Sculpture (ROS) Report

- Skillingstead invited commissioners to attend the 2005 ROS Opening on Saturday, October 15, at 10 am. Leban, Houghton, Flynn, Davis and Tarapolsi indicated that they were planning to attend.
- A temporary ROS exhibit flyer was passed around. Skillingstead stated that the final flyer will be completed by the print shop in mid-November. The final flyer will include GPS coordinates for all of the pieces.
- Skillingstead reported that the ROS curator, Rachel Mamane, was unable to finish the project and was terminated. Bettencourt thanked Mamane for doing a great job finding the artwork.
- Houghton recommended that potential sponsors for the next ROS exhibit be contacted. Bettencourt reported that local newspapers would be invited to interview current sponsors for recognition and publicity. Davis suggested that current sponsors be used as references for future sponsors. *Tarapolsi volunteered to provide the contact list to invite them to the 2005 ROS Opening.*
- *Leban asked the commissioners to make a list of three things they like and three things they don't like about the current ROS exhibit in order to evaluate the program for the future.* Bettencourt recommended that the information be sent to Skillingstead by October 24th for compilation for the next Visual Arts Committee meeting.

B. Andrew Carson Art Purchase Recommendation to Council, Oct 18

Leban reported that the Andrew Carson Art Purchase is on the October 18 City Council agenda.

C. Visual Art Projects Update

1. Art Exhibit/Gallery Contractor

Skillingstead reported that the current ORSCC Gallery curator, Arriba Stature, will be ending her contract in November 2006. An RFP will be sent out to find a new curator for both the ORSCC Gallery and the temporary exhibit space in the new City Hall. Houghton suggested that the RAC consider contacting schools so that student curators could be given the opportunity to handle the program under a professor. Bettencourt indicated that an RFP would be sent to schools. Leban asked if the RAC could directly approach an organization about the curator position. Bettencourt confirmed that because it is unpaid, the RAC could offer the position directly but that they may find a better fit by opening the search to a broader audience. Skillingstead suggested that the topic be discussed further at the next Visual Arts Committee meeting.

2. 2007 International Sculpture Exhibit Opportunity

Leban reported that the Kirkland Cultural Council attended the last Visual Arts Committee meeting to request that the RAC consider co-sponsoring a

Canadian International Sculpture exhibit. They held a smaller version in 2001 that was very successful. Because the 2007 exhibit will be three times the size, it will be expensive so they would like to get other Eastside cities to co-sponsor. Tarapolsi indicated that the King County Library System transported the pieces and handled the border crossing in the previous exhibit. Skillingstead stated that Kirkland has also asked Bellevue to participate. The exhibit curator requested an exhibit pre-sale guarantee of one of the thirty pieces before it can come down from Vancouver. The pieces cost about \$250,000 each. Kirkland would like an answer about RAC's participation by December. Tarapolsi pointed out that the pieces would require insurance which the RAC cannot afford. Teller suggested including neighboring cities like Woodinville, Issaquah and Sammamish to split the costs. Skillingstead stated that it would be a large manpower and budget commitment but that it would be great publicity for Redmond to have an international art exhibit. Leban and Teller suggested finding corporate sponsors, like Microsoft, Safeco or Marriott. Leban asked if the commission can approach sponsors directly or if City staff would have to handle sponsors. Bettencourt indicated that it would be fine for the participating RAC to approach sponsors for funding when an approximate cost is known. Tarapolsi stated that because of unknown costs and staff requirements, further discussion and more facts were needed on the proposal. *Skillingstead volunteered to contact Donna Porter for more information on the cost of the project and to bring that information to the next Visual Arts Committee meeting.* Teller offered to represent the RAC in a committee should the RAC decide to participate.

D. 2006 Arts Award Artist Invitation, names to Melna and Roy, VA committee review

Leban asked commissioners to submit names of artists, preferably artists living or working in Redmond, to create the 2006 Volunteer Arts Award. Suggestions should be sent to Skillingstead to be discussed at the next Visual Arts Committee meeting. Davis suggested glass artist Corey Hubbell. Tarapolsi suggested recycled material artist Marita Dingus.

E. Permanent Art Collection Art removal/assessment/placement

Skillingstead reported that the permanent art collection pieces for the new City Hall should be moved from the satellite facilities by the end of November. *She will do the research to find out who can handle the move.* The current plan is to determine the placement of the art in the new City Hall in collaboration with city employee committees.

F. Perrigo Park Signage

Skillingstead distributed a memo that was sent by Elizabeth Conner about the Perrigo Park artwork signage. The artist will not be changing the current signage but will correct the typos and consider changing the title. She will make a final rendition with the new city logo. A draft of this final version will be shown to the

RAC for approval. Skillingstead indicated that a separate laminated interpretive piece could be created and the information could be posted on the website.

VII. PERFORMING ARTS/LITERARY ARTS

A. Project Status: 2006 Winter Performance Series

Sambamurti reported that the ads, magazine articles and brochures for the 2006 WPS are in progress. She has received a verbal commitment for funding from one local sponsor and expects to get two more soon.

B. Project Status: Site Specific Performances

Sambamurti reported that the 4Culture King County Performance Network (KCPN) sponsored site-specific productions of Neighborhoodlum at Victor's Coffee and Jerzey's Coffee were well received. Houghton spoke to the staff at Victor's the next day and they said that some people were weirded out by the performance at first. Skillingstead attended one performance and indicated that the One Lump or Two Productions staff distributed brochures to patrons to explain that it was a live performance as well as to latecomers. Sambamurti stated that there will be two additional guerilla performances at the end of October and that commissioners can visit the website, 1lumpor2productions.com/neighborhoodlum.htm, for more information and photos.

C. 2006 Write Out Loud! Co-sponsorship

Flynn stated that the RASP president, Laura Lee Bennett, stepped down and that a new person has taken on the position temporarily. They are not sure at this time if they will put on Write Out Loud! next year and have asked that it not be put in FOCUS magazine. RAC needs to know by November in order to determine 2006 funding, so *Skillingstead volunteered to contact Allison for more information on the status of Write Out Loud!*

D. Hugo House

Skillingstead stated that the RAC can co-sponsor classes so that organizations will not be charged rental fees for City facility usage. Hugo House may want to put on a class in Redmond next fall and the RAC can co-sponsor the event at no cost. *Skillingstead will contact Laura Lee Bennett and give her an update on facility use.*

VIII. ARTS EDUCATION/GRANTS

A. Fremonster Theatrical

Teller reported that Fremonster is still looking for a co-sponsor for space to hold dance and theater performances and classes. Bettencourt suggested that they submit a proposal to the City and that Skillingstead would give them the names of the City program contacts and information on proposal deadlines. Flynn and

Leban recommended that they try the Teen Center for performance and classroom space.

B. Funding: Organizational Support Grant Recommendation Seattle Chamber Music Society

Grant funding recommendation was carried over from the September 8 meeting until additional information from the organization could be obtained.

Motion for approval of \$1,250 Organizational Support Grant funding for Seattle Chamber Music Society: Commissioner Heidi Houghton

Second by: Commissioner Phil Teller

Motion carried: 8-0 unanimous

IX. VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Davis reported that the Visioning Committee met to discuss what they had learned about the planning processes of comparable arts organizations. They decided to move forward in hiring a consultant to help with the strategic plan. Bettencourt stated that the City had approved the request and that staff could begin the process. She recommended that the RAC plan to meet with the consultant on a weekend retreat in January. Tarapolsi suggested that to save time, the Visioning Committee initially meet with the consultant to prepare them for the needs of the RAC. Leban mentioned that a pre-retreat questionnaire would also be helpful. Bettencourt said that they could finalize the details when a consultant was hired. She thanked the Visioning Committee members for their good work representing the thoughts and concerns of the RAC.

X. GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Kay Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Phil Teller

Motion carried: 8-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Dorie Lysaght

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

November 10, 2005

Old Redmond School House Community Center

7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: October 13, 2005

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Adam Leban		
Rosalyn Leban		